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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Attorney Docket No.: 37026-88077

SADAMI OKADA et al. Group Art Unit: 2625

Serial No.: 09/761,623 Examiner: James A. Thompson

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For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, IMAGE REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

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Sir:

Applicant(s), through counsel, hereby requests an extension of time as indicated below.

1. No extension of time previously obtained.

| Extensions requested: | <u>Large Entity</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two month | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 450.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Applicant has established small entity status by papers filed.

3. A check or deposit authorization is enclosed (please see transmittal). If no check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection with this communication, or if the check enclosed is insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 07-1985. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. In the event that a further petition for extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to ensure that the application is

pending on the date that this petition is filed. Any fee due in connection with this petition is authorized in the preceding paragraph.

5. Showing of Due Care and Inability to Respond Within Time Set for Response

Nature of Delay: Petition for extension of the time for response.

Showing of Need and Special Circumstances: The extension was needed because of the extreme complexity of issues regarding examiner interview proposal and possible amendments or interview issues, and length of the necessary disclosure of the application and its many claims, and because of the necessary coordination of the matter to obtain instructions regarding response from applicant representative of Japan, and communication between said representative and the applicants.

Showing of Due Care: The applicants, applicant's representative in Japan, and U.S. representatives of applicant all acted with due diligence and rapidity. All communications between the undersigned and applicant were made diligently, by the most efficient means, with due dispatch and with due care. Attention was duly given to docket matters in sequence. Despite due care, there was inability to respond within the set time for response for the reasons set forth above. In view of the foregoing, additional time was required in order to respond to the Official Action.

Request for Disposition. In view of these circumstances, the Patent and Trademark Office should not subtract from the ultimate term of the patent the term of the petition for extension submitted herewith. This request is made in accordance with Patent Term Guarantee Act of 1999 and 37 CFR 1.701-705.

Respectfully submitted,

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